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for the

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my thirty seventh Annual Report dealing with the health of the inhabitants of Padiham during 1962.

Acting on the instruction of the Ministry of Health this will be an interim report, confined to essential or urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year, such as overcrowding, sanitation, distribution of clean food, and outbreaks of infectious diseases etc.

VITAL STATISTICS

Mortality rates per 1,000 est. population -

Total (all forms)

Crude rate	17.1
Adjusted rate	17.4

Respiratory T.B.	Nil
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Malignant neoplasms, etc. (Columns 10 - 15 incl. of S.D. 30)	3.02
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Live Births

Number	160
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Rate per 1000 population	Crude rate	16.1
	Adjusted rate	16.6

Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	8.125%
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Stillbirths

Number	4
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Rate per 1000 total live and still births	24.4
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Total Live and Still Births	164
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Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)	6
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Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1000 live births	37.5
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Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births	40.81
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Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	Nil
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Neo-natal Mortality Rate

Deaths under four weeks per 1000 total live births	31.3
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Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate

Deaths under one week per 1000 total live births	31.3
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Perinatal Mortality Rate

Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total live and still births	54.9
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Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	Nil

<u>Population</u>	Estimated mid-year Home Population	9,950
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<u>Comparability Factors</u>	Births	1.03
	Deaths	1.02

<u>Live births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	79	68	147
Illegitimate	6	7	13

<u>Still births</u>			
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</u>			
Legitimate	5	1	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-

<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age</u>			
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-

<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age</u>			
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-

<u>Deaths from all causes</u>	93	77	170
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Causes of Death

Syphilitic disease	1
Malignant neoplasm - Uterus	2
Stomach	2
Lungs	3
Breast	2
Other malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	21
Diabetes	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	20
Coronary disease, angina	29
Hypertension	2
Other heart diseases	19
Other circulatory diseases	9
Pneumonia	3
Influenza	2
Bronchitis	14
Other diseases of respiratory system	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1
Congenital Malformations	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	20
Accidents	6
Motor Accidents	3
Homicide	1

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Unemployment was still prevalent during 1962 and was confined more or less to Cotton Operatives.

Most of the mills in Padiham run their own canteens and these should be encouraged and used more than they are, by the workers.

The County Council has control of two nurseries in the area where children under school age, of women engaged in industry are looked after. The staff in these nurseries have been instructed to isolate or send home any child who is not well and thus prevent infections from spreading.

All the schools in the district provide dinners for the children and this is to be highly commended.

In connection with the welfare of the old people, a voluntary association has been set up and is doing valuable work, such as, letter writing, doing shopping when necessary, giving advice and arranging for domestic help in cases of sickness.

So far as the health of the aged is concerned there is no doubt that the sons and daughters will have to bear their fair share of looking after them and not leave it to others.

The health of the inhabitants has been fairly good during the year and so far as recreations are concerned full advantage was taken of all the facilities controlled by the Local Authority and the various Sunday Schools.

Valuable work is being done by the association formed to help handicapped and disabled people in Padiham.

From observations of my own and those of the Local Practitioners, there seems to be more dental caries than normal and as the fluorine content of the water was rather low arrangements have been made to alter this.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

- i. The water supply has been good both in quantity and quality. Chemically and bacteriologically the water has been excellent. 13 samples were sent for bacteriological examination. 11 were satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory. 5 samples were sent for chemical analysis and all were satisfactory.
- ii. The number of dwelling houses and the number of population supplied from public water mains are:-

	<u>Dwelling houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
(a) Direct to the houses	3779	9950
(b) By means of stand pipes	Nil	Nil

Sewerage

The district is on the water carriage system with the exception of three outlying farm premises.

Number of pail closets	5
Number of waste water closets	855
Number of fresh water closets	5381
Number of houses connected to system	3764
Number of waste water closets converted to fresh water closets during the year	81

Rivers and Streams

The Lancashire Rivers Board is responsible for the supervision and protection of rivers and streams in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR

Houses - Public Health Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	69
Houses - Housing Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Houses - Rent Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Housing - Improvement Grants	..	..	..	..	..	..	127
Fireguard Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Factories Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Workshops	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Shops Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	605
Food & Drugs Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Pet Shops Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Clean Air Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	176
Noise Abatement Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Diseases of Animals Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Agricultural Act, 1956	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Pests Control Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	104
Infectious disease cases	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Revisits	..	..	..	..	..	..	117
Smoke observations	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
Fish and chip shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Butchers' shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Ice-cream premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Food sampling	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Houses - Disinfestation	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Domestic refuse collection	..	..	..	..	..	..	128
Trade refuse collection	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
Refuse disposal (Tips)	531
Salvage	534
Street Cleansing	229
Miscellaneous	191
Aged persons	2

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RODENT CONTROL

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses Inc. Council Houses	All other including Business Premises	Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	Agriculture
i. Number of properties in Local Authority District	4	3764	372	4140	14
ii. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification		62	18	80	1
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common rat	Major				
	Minor	39	3	42	
Ship rat	Major				
	Minor	-	-	-	-
House Mouse	Major				
	Minor	23	15	38	1

		Local Authority	Dwelling Houses Inc. Council Houses	All other including Business Premises	Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	Agriculture
iii.	Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	4		78	82	14
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
	Common rat Major Minor	4	-	-	-	-
	Ship rat Major Minor	-	-	-	-	-
	House Major Mouse Minor	-	-	-	-	-
iv.	Total number of properties otherwise inspected	-	248	303	551	-
	Number of such properties found to be infested	-	-	-	-	-
v.	Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	608	577	757	1942	28
vi.	Number of infested properties treated by L.A.	4	62	18	80	1
vii.	Total treatments carried out - includ- ing re-treatments	26	63	23	112	1
viii.	Number of notices served under Sect. 4 of the Act.					
	(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
	(b) Structural	-	-	-	-	-
ix.	Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
x.	Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
xi.	Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

AGRICULTURAL ACT, 1956

Sanitary Conveniences on Farms

The farm properties in this district are visited at frequent intervals, and all matters which require inspection are dealt with. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the above Act.

DISINFESTATION

Eight premises were dealt with for vermin, six for cockroaches, and two for bugs. The refuse tip at Lumb Wood was periodically dusted with D. D. T. powder to ensure cockroach and cricket control.

FOOD AND DRUGS

(a) Slaughterhouses

Three persons applied for, and were granted licences to slaughter animals.

(b) The Public Health (Meat Regulations, 1924)

No contraventions were observed during the year.

(c) Food Premises

<u>Type of Food Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
Bakers and Confectioners	18	36
Butchers and meat purveyors	16	32
Cafes and Snack bars	3	6
Chemists	5	10
Cooked foods	4	8
Fish fryers	9	22
Fishmongers	3	6
Greengrocers	13	26
Grocers	62	194
Licensed premises	16	32
Aerated waters (Mineral)	2	4
Off licences	10	20
Poultry dealer	1	18
Potato merchant	1	2
Sweets - sugar confections	10	42
Wine merchants	2	4
Tripe dresser	1	18

(d) Milk and Dairies:-

- i. The following registration and licencing matters were dealt with during the year.

Number of persons registered as Distributors of Milk 53

- ii. The following is the state of registered premises:-

Number of premises registered for sale or manufacture of ice-cream	63
Number of premises registered for preparation or manufacture of sausage or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food	43
Total number of registrations	106

(e) Food Hygiene Regulations

Regular visits were made to food preparing premises, and it is a pleasure to report that it has not been necessary to make any official representation.

(f) Foodstuffs

The following quantity of foodstuffs was examined, condemned for original use, surrendered for disposal and destroyed:-

275 packages of various foodstuffs weighing 290 lbs.

(g) Food Poisoning

No cases occurred during the year.

(h) Offensive Trades

The following offensive trades are now in existence within the District:-

Tripe Boiler	1
Size Maker	1
Fish Fryers	9

The various premises have been inspected on 45 occasions.

CLEAN AIR ACT

- (a) The Padiham No. 2 Smoke Control Order became operative as from the 1st November, 1962.
- (b) The proposed Padiham Nos. 3 and 4 Smoke Control Areas have been approved by the Minister and come into operation on the 1st July, 1963.
- (c) The proposed Padiham Nos. 5 and 6 Smoke Control Areas have been submitted to the Ministry for approval
- (d) The proposed Padiham No. 7 Smoke Control Area is under survey.
- (e) Once complaint was received during the year and 30 smoke observations were made. 176 interviews and discussions with householders and managements took place during the year.
- (f) Fog occurred on four days during the year.

HOUSING

- (a) Number of new houses erected during the year 12
- (b) Number of houses erected under the various acts:-
- | | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| i. Housing Act, 1919 | 31 |
| ii. Housing Act 1923/24 | 170 |
| iii. Housing Act 1930/36 | 228 |
| iv. Housing Act 1936/46 | 21 |
| v. Housing Act 1946/51 | 260 |
| vi. Housing Act 1957 | 126 |
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(c) Overcrowding

No overcrowding, as set down in the Housing Act, was observed during the year although three cases of complaints by tenants were submitted to the Committee.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

i. Demolition and Closing Orders:-

Housing Act, 1957

	Houses	Number of Persons Displaced
(a) Demolished - Section 16	12	48
(b) Closed - undertaking still in force	1	2

ii. Repairs

Rendered fit - informal action 10

Public Health Act

Defects remedied	(1)	By Owners	Nil
	(2)	By Local Authority	1

iii. Clearance of Unfit Houses

(a) 93 dwelling houses are scheduled to be dealt with in six clearance areas.

(b) 68 back to back houses are to be cleared by demolition or converted into through houses.

(c) The following dwellings were represented under Section 16 of the Act.

15 West Street.
6 Hambledon Street.
20 Kay Street.
2 Melbourne Street.

(d) The following areas have been represented under Section 25 of the Act.

The Padiham (Horne Street, Sagar Street, etc.) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1962.

The Padiham (James Street, etc.) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1962.

(e) The following back to back dwellings have been converted into through dwellings.

3 Queen Street / 1 Queens Terrace.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1962 was more or less a normal year. Diphtheria is conspicuous by its absence and Tuberculosis is rapidly approaching the same happy conclusion.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) were notified during the year.

Measles	16
Chicken Pox	15
Scarlet Fever	2

TUBERCULOSIS

The following cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year:-

Respiratory	4
Non-respiratory	Nil

All new cases are thoroughly investigated and followed up, and all the new treatments are showing excellent results as shown by the decreased death rate from Tuberculosis. Immediate contacts are X-rayed, given the Montoux Test and examined by the Chest Physician.

It is my firm contention that the Mass Radiographic Unit should visit our area more frequently, say alternate years, and in this way, keep tuberculosis under better control.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

For many years, in fact since I became Medical Officer of Health 37 years ago, I have pleaded for Public Swimming Baths for Padiham, and it seems that at long last my appeal is beginning to bear fruit.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Inspections

Premises			Number of	
			Inspections	Written Notices
Factories with Mechanical Power			124	Nil
Factories without Mechanical Power			23	-
<u>Defects Found</u>				
Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H. M. Inspector.
Unsatisfactory Sanitary Convenience	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Classification of Factories and Workshops

Abrasive crushing and grinding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Bread and confectionery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Boiled sweet makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Boot repairers and cloggers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Carpet manufacture	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cotton weaving etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Cotton waste sorter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Corn grinding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cushion maker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dress-making, milliners etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drysalter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Electrical generation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Electrical engineering	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Engineering (jobbing)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fire-place makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gas appliance maker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Heating plant engineers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hospital clothing maker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Joinery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Jute pulling	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Laundry	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Leather (artificial chamois) manufacturers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motor vehicle repairer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Minerals (Aerated) waters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Mop makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Printers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Painters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Poultry plucking	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Power owners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Photographers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Plumbers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Plush weaving	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rag and fent sorting	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rayon fabric weaving	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ready mixed concrete manufacturers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Reed makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Salvage packing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Silk weaving	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Size makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Springs for motor trade manufacture	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tailors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Tile slabbing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tripe dressers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wadding (laminated)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Warp knitting	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wireless / Television	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

The number of Factories now in the Register is 55
The number of Workplaces now in the Register is 9
The number of Bakehouses now in the Register is 10.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Clerk of the Council,
the Public Health Inspector and the Surveyor for their loyal
co-operation during the year.

I am,
Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

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